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Subject: INFO ONLY - Affirmative Procurement Training on Web U

Information for Solid waste, Recycling, and Environmental Managers and Procurement Specialists and those that buy for the government.

The purpose of this email is to inform you of Affirmative Procurement (AP) training. Although this training is free, the only drawback is that it sites AF instructions instead of Navy.

This training can be used also for purchase card holders. Everyone gets a certificate which can be sent to the AP group for recordkeeping.

Please go to https://webu.brooks.af.mil/webu/webuhome.asp https://webu.brooks.af.mil/webu/webuhome.asp. Pick "On-line Courses" from the menu on the left side, then choose the AP course, click "register HERE" at the bottom of the box on the next screen if you are a new student, and fill out the registration information.

We are required by RCRA 6002, Executive Order 13101, DOD and DON policy to purchase Affirmative Procurement items (designated items that contain recycled content).

We have been searching for Affirmative Procurement (AP) Training that Activities could use. The Air Force is the only one that has created one incorporating the EO 13101. The SW P2ADS Guide sites Guidance for establishing an AP program that is found in NAVSUP P-728 Affirmative Procurement Guide, STOCK NO. 0530-LP-101-2482, but has no training or certificate.

This is a message from Dana Arnold EPA re: AP Training. Dana can be reached at Arnold.Dana@epamail.epa.gov

RCRA section 6002 requires Federal agencies to have affirmative procurement programs for purchasing EPA-designated recycled content products. One of the required elements of these programs is a promotion program; training is one way of promoting the program internally to facility staff. In addition, section 801 of Executive Order 13101 specifies that "Executive agencies shall provide training to program management and requesting activities as needed to ensure awareness of the requirements of this order." This is a specific Presidential directive.

In order to make sure that this provision is implemented, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and my office ask about training of facility contracting personnel and purchase card holders in our annual RCRA data call. The data are provided to Congress in OMB's biennial report and to the President in our biennial report. So, the fact that EPA doesn't ask about training in its inspections is irrelevant. The Executive Office of the President asks about it.

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